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Michigan Vegetable Summary 2014

Michigan produced 8.15 million hundredweight (cwt) of fresh market vegetables in 2014, according to USDA, NASS, Great Lakes Region; a 2 percent increase from 2013. This included the dual purpose crops of asparagus, celery, bell peppers, pumpkins, and squash. The value of fresh market vegetables, at the farm level, was \$174 million, down 7 percent from the revised 2013 total. Despite the decrease in production, Michigan maintained its ranking as the eighth largest state in the value of fresh market vegetables for 2014.

Fresh market vegetable and melon production in the U.S. for the 24 selected crops estimated in 2014 totaled 413 million hundredweight, down 1 percent from last year. Harvested area covered 1.58 million acres, down 3 percent from 2013. Value of the 2014 crop is estimated at 10.9 billion dollars, down 5 percent from a year ago. The three largest crops, in terms of production, were onions, head lettuce, and watermelons, which combined to account for 36 percent of the total production. Tomatoes, head lettuce, and onions claim the highest values, accounting for 29 percent of the total value when combined.

U.S. processing production for eight selected vegetables estimated in 2014 totaled 19.2 million tons, up 12 percent from last year. Area harvested is estimated at 1.09 million acres, up 3 percent from a year ago. Processing crop value is estimated at 2.20 billion dollars, 4 percent above 2013. The three largest crops, in terms of production, are tomatoes, sweet corn, and snap beans, which combine to account for 93 percent of the total. The top three crops in terms of value are tomatoes, sweet corn, and cucumbers. These three processing vegetables account for 81 percent of the total value when combined.

Vegetables: Michigan and U.S., 2013-2014

Item	Michigan				United States			
	Harvested		Production		Harvested		Production	
	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014	2013	2014
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>	<i>1,000 cwt</i>
Fresh market								
Asparagus ¹	9,000	9,000	206	220	24,500	23,800	762	743
Beans, snap	2,600	2,600	125	182	73,100	67,700	4,252	3,684
Cabbage	3,000	3,100	690	837	59,480	62,550	21,750	22,359
Carrots	1,500	1,600	435	496	71,400	74,200	24,255	25,379
Celery ¹	1,800	1,700	1,035	985	28,800	28,900	18,003	18,393
Corn, sweet	9,000	9,200	900	828	228,380	215,150	28,561	25,346
Cucumbers	3,500	3,400	665	680	38,360	37,570	7,603	6,895
Onions ²	2,700	2,500	810	925	95,840	93,200	50,820	55,663
Peppers, bell ¹	1,500	1,400	375	364	44,800	46,500	14,433	15,346
Pumpkins ¹	6,300	6,100	978	970	50,300	49,500	11,221	13,143
Squash ¹	6,100	6,000	1,220	1,200	39,900	38,530	6,149	5,745
Tomatoes	2,400	1,900	576	466	99,600	97,600	26,391	27,280
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>
Processing								
Beans, snap	17,800	(D)	77,100	(D)	149,770	159,070	666,780	681,240
Carrots	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	13,310	11,430	351,950	321,820
Cucumbers	28,000	27,400	162,400	167,140	82,100	76,580	473,140	481,740
Tomatoes	3,200	3,400	108,800	129,200	277,000	306,100	12,631,500	14,637,300

¹ Dual purpose crops. Processing included in fresh market.

² Summer storage.

⁰ (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.